

# Agenda Item 7

## **AGENDA ITEM 7** - Portsmouth City Council Budget & Council Tax 2023/24 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2024/25 to 2026/27

Amendment to Cabinet recommendations attached.

Proposed by Councillor Simon Boshier

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Seconded by Councillor Ryan Brent

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## **Amendment proposed by the Conservative Group**

### **Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2023/24 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2024/25 to 2026/27**

That the recommendations of the Cabinet of 21 February 2023 (Minute 7/23) on "Portsmouth City Council - Budget & Council Tax 2023/24 & Medium Term Budget Forecast 2024/25 to 2026/27" be amended as follows:-

#### **Recommendation 3.1 1) be amended to:**

- 1) The revised Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2022/23 and the Revenue Estimates for the financial year 2023/24 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A Amended) including the changes described below but noting that:

**The responsibility of the City Council is to approve the overall Budget and the associated cash limits of its Portfolios and Committees; it is not the responsibility of the City Council to approve any individual savings or additions within those Portfolios/Committees, that responsibility is reserved for Cabinet Members. The budget savings and additions in the tables below are therefore indicative only.**

i) Reductions to Revenue Estimates

Indicative Portfolio Savings Proposal	Impact on Level of Service & Service Outcomes	2023/24	2024/25 & Future Years
		£	£
<b>Communities &amp; Central Services Portfolio</b>			
Cease Publication of Flagship	Increased reliance placed on other channels of communication with residents (e.g. digital)	26,000	26,000
Re-organisation of Marketing and Communications functions across all areas of the Council (Reduction of 1 FTE Post)	<p>The Corporate function contains a budget for 3 FTE, all other budgets are contained within the relevant front line service. Many posts are externally funded or engaged on time-limited projects. A reduction of 1 permanent FTE would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce the Council's capacity to undertake proactive communications</li> <li>• Remove some communication and consultation activity from Front Line Services' "business as usual activity"</li> <li>• Potentially reduce the ability to maintain external income for work provided to external partners</li> </ul>	40,000	40,000
<b>Culture, Leisure &amp; Economic Development Portfolio</b>			
Reduce Management capacity by 0.5 FTE post	The Directorate operates with a lean management team. The reduction will lead to a reduction in the range of Culture and Leisure projects and activities that can be managed by the Service	36,000	36,000

<b>Leader Portfolio</b>			
Reduce Leaders Initiatives budget	Fewer opportunities to celebrate success, engage and network with partner organisations and prospective investors in the City	7,700	7,700
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation Portfolio</b>			
Reinstate existing parking tariff structure and increase each hour by 10p e.g. 1 hour tariff increases by 10p, 2 hour tariff increases by 20p.	As per the recently adopted Transport Strategy (LTP 4), it is imperative that measures are taken to reduce reliance on the private car in order to promote air quality and reduce congestion within Portsmouth	6,000	6,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>115,700</b>	<b>115,700</b>

ii) Additions to Revenue Estimates

Saving No.	Increases to Portfolio Cash Limits	2023/24	2024/25 & Future Years
			£
<b>Safety in the Community Portfolio</b>			
New	Hilsea youth provision to combat Anti-Social Behaviour	40,000	40,000
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation Portfolio</b>			
028	Remove - At District Centres; new 30 minute 70p tariff introduced, 1 Hour increased to £1.50 and all other tariffs increased by 20p	6,000	6,000
031	Remove - Introduce Off Street charging in Canoe Lake Car Park (Nov-Feb)	22,900	22,900
032	Remove - Introduce Off Street charging along Eastney Esplanade (Nov-Feb)	46,800	46,800
<b>Total</b>		<b>115,700</b>	<b>115,700</b>

**Recommendation 3.1 2) be amended to:-**

- 2) The Portfolio Cash Limits for the Revised Budget for 2022/23 and the Budget 2023/24 incorporating the savings amounts for each Portfolio and amounting to £2.0m as set out in Sections 7 and 11, respectively as amended by the following:

Portfolio / Committee	2023/24 £	Future Years £
Communities & Central Services Portfolio	(66,000)	(66,000)
Culture, Leisure & Economic Development Portfolio	(36,000)	(36,000)
Leader Portfolio	(7,700)	(7,700)
Safety In The Community Portfolio	40,000	40,000
Traffic & Transportation Portfolio	69,700	69,700
Other Expenditure		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Recommendation 3.1 13) be amended to:**

- 13) The Revised Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2027/28 attached as Appendix E and which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing be amended by table iii) and iv) below and approved

**iii) Reductions to the Capital Programme (Appendices D & E)**

<b>Scheme Deletions / Reductions</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Culture, Leisure &amp; Economic Development Portfolio</b>		
Reduce	BMX Track (Baffins)	20,500
Reduce	Binstead Play Area	5,000
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation Portfolio</b>		
Reduce	Reduce verge hardening	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,500</b>

**iv) Additions to Capital Programme (Appendices D & E)**

<b>Scheme Additions / Increases</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Culture, Leisure &amp; Economic Development Portfolio</b>		
New	Gatcombe Park Play Area (further match funding from Hilsea Neighbourhood CIL)	7,500
New	College Park Play Equipment	10,000
New	Highbury Community Centre - Heat Pump Technology	5,000
<b>Safety In The Community</b>		
New	1 Mobile CCTV Camera Horsea Lane (further match funding from Hilsea Neighbourhood CIL)	5,000
New	Anchorage Park Protection (Dragons Teeth)	8,000
<b>Traffic &amp; Transportation</b>		
New	Vehicle Activated Sign - Anchorage Road	15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,500</b>

**Recommendation 3.1 16) be amended to:**

- 16) Subject to a satisfactory financial appraisal approved by the Director of Finance and Resources & S.151 Officer, the schemes described in Appendix D as amended by tables iii) and iv) above be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2027/28

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

**Under Recommendation 19, the Section 151 Officer advises as follows:-**

The proposals contained within this amendment do not alter the statements made by the Section 151 Officer in Section 16 of this report.

**CITY SOLICITOR'S COMMENTS**

The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the City Council's powers to approve the amendment as set out, and supports the advice of the Section 151 Officer given above.



# GENERAL FUND SUMMARY - 2022/23 to 2026/27

# (APPENDIX A Amended)

Original Budget 2022/23 £	NET REQUIREMENTS OF PORTFOLIOS	Revised Budget 2022/23 £	Original Budget 2023/24 £	Forecast 2024/25 £	Forecast 2025/26 £	Forecast 2026/27 £
59,449,200	Children, Families & Education	62,002,300	66,372,400	71,188,300	72,637,100	73,752,900
14,616,800	Climate Change & Environment	15,207,200	16,052,500	17,154,000	15,594,000	15,682,700
27,239,400	Communities & Central Services	30,474,500	31,384,900	32,886,900	33,871,100	34,468,900
13,388,100	Culture, Leisure & Economic Development	14,160,900	15,118,800	15,054,600	15,112,100	15,246,500
57,264,100	Health, Wellbeing & Social Care	59,335,200	58,656,700	63,625,900	66,127,800	68,949,200
7,278,800	Housing & Preventing Homelessness	5,623,700	6,282,400	6,572,600	6,636,400	6,656,500
(28,259,400)	Leader	(27,362,000)	(24,766,900)	(27,590,100)	(30,176,800)	(28,884,800)
1,158,000	Planning Policy & City Development	1,038,000	1,406,700	1,437,100	1,485,800	1,542,000
2,928,400	Safety in the Community	3,200,900	3,335,000	3,394,300	3,460,900	3,518,300
21,977,800	Traffic & Transportation	23,529,400	24,684,100	24,331,700	24,680,400	23,580,000
(132,300)	Licensing Committee	(108,200)	(166,800)	(198,900)	(186,900)	(166,500)
<b>176,908,900</b>	<b>Portfolio Expenditure</b>	<b>187,101,900</b>	<b>198,359,800</b>	<b>207,856,400</b>	<b>209,241,900</b>	<b>214,345,700</b>
	<u>Other Expenditure</u>					
0	Precepts	0	75,000	75,000	50,000	25,000
1,375,000	Pension Costs	1,301,200	1,427,600	1,510,300	1,517,500	1,510,000
18,629,000	Contingency Provision	13,507,100	15,106,700	4,971,000	4,771,000	4,771,000
(10,296,700)	Transfer to / (from) Reserves	(9,365,300)	5,100,600	7,712,000	4,998,300	1,998,300
(16,820,000)	Treasury Management	(24,185,700)	(23,801,000)	(21,200,400)	(19,166,600)	(19,317,000)
3,705,000	Other Expenditure	6,047,700	5,318,000	8,514,000	9,966,000	10,672,000
<b>(3,407,700)</b>	<b>Other Expenditure</b>	<b>(12,695,000)</b>	<b>3,226,900</b>	<b>1,581,900</b>	<b>2,136,200</b>	<b>(340,700)</b>
<b>173,501,200</b>	<b>TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>174,406,900</b>	<b>201,586,700</b>	<b>209,438,300</b>	<b>211,378,100</b>	<b>214,005,000</b>
	<b>FINANCED BY:</b>					
(92,122)	Contribution (to) from Balances and Reserves	(92,098)	(99,300)	(545,411)	(248,504)	(5,234)
12,096,876	Revenue Support Grant	12,096,876	13,571,170	14,318,942	14,317,510	14,172,903
42,491,554	Business Rates Retention	42,451,330	64,303,198	64,696,930	63,190,461	62,537,088
27,324,481	Other General Grants	28,270,381	29,652,591	31,049,496	31,001,180	31,099,521
91,680,411	Council Tax	91,680,411	94,159,041	99,918,343	103,117,453	106,200,722
<b>173,501,200</b>		<b>174,406,900</b>	<b>201,586,700</b>	<b>209,438,300</b>	<b>211,378,100</b>	<b>214,005,000</b>
	<b>BALANCES &amp; RESERVES</b>					
21,441,879	Balance brought forward at 1 April	21,424,000	21,516,098	21,615,398	22,160,809	22,409,313
92,122	Deduct (Deficit) / Add Surplus for Year	92,098	99,300	545,411	248,504	5,234
<b>21,534,001</b>	<b>Balance carried forward at 31 March</b>	<b>21,516,098</b>	<b>21,615,398</b>	<b>22,160,809</b>	<b>22,409,313</b>	<b>22,414,547</b>
<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>Minimum Level of Balances</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>	<b>10,000,000</b>
<b>(92,122)</b>	<b>Underlying Budget Deficit / (Surplus)</b>	<b>(92,098)</b>	<b>(99,300)</b>	<b>(545,411)</b>	<b>(248,504)</b>	<b>(5,234)</b>

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